

Congress Docket
York High School
January 13, 2018

1) A Bill to Mandate Schools to Start at 9:00AM

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** Any educational institution whether public, private, parochial, charter,
2. or magnet with grades between 9-12 are hereby ordered to begin instructional time no
3. earlier than 9:00 in the morning.
4. **SECTION 2:** Any educational institution between the grades of 9-12 that does not
5. comply shall lose all government funding.
6. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Education shall oversee this piece of legislation.
7. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall go into effect on January 5, 2019.
8. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cape Elizabeth HS, Maine District

2) A BILL TO BAN TURNPIKES ACROSS THE U.S.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** Turnpikes are hereby outlawed in the 50 United States and existing territories.
2. **SECTION 1A:** “Turnpike” shall be defined as a barrier set across such a highway to stop
3. passage until a toll has been paid.
4. **SECTION 2:** Any state that does not comply shall lose federal funding.
5. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Transportation shall oversee this piece of legislation.
6. **SECTION 4:** This piece of legislation shall be made effective on January 3, 2019.
7. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cape Elizabeth HS, Maine District

3) A Bill to Fight Fraudulent Fishing

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** The United States Government shall allocate 500 million dollars to address
2. seafood mislabeling and the importation of illegally caught fish.
3. **SECTION 2A.** The money shall go towards an increase in inspectors on staff for the NOAA.
4. **SECTION 2B.** It shall also go to initiating rule makings as needed to make seafood in
5. American markets verifiably legal and safe.
6. **SECTION 2C.** “Seafood” is defined as any form of sea life regarded as food by humans.
7. **SECTION 2D.** “Mislabeling” shall be defined as labeling wrongly, incorrectly, or
8. misleadingly.
9. **SECTION 3.** The EPA, NOAA, and the Department of Commerce shall oversee the
10. execution of this legislation.
11. **SECTION 4.** This law shall take effect immediately upon passage.
12. **Section 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Cape Elizabeth HS, Maine District

4) The National Right-to-Work Act of 2018

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1:** Union security agreements that require employees to pay union fees or
2. join a union during or after hiring are hereby banned.
3. **SECTION 2:** “Union security agreement” shall be defined as a contractual
4. agreement between an employer and a union concerning the power of a union to
5. compel an employee to join, or otherwise contribute money to the union.
6. **SECTION 3:** The Department of Labor and Department of Commerce shall jointly
7. oversee the implementation of this bill.

8. **SECTION 4:** This legislation shall take effect on July 1, 2018.
9. **SECTION 5:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Rep. Thomas Vachon, SHS, Maine District

5) A Bill to Allow for Physician Assisted Death

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **SECTION 1.** Physician assisted death ought to be legalized.
3. **SECTION 2.** The procedure and conditions to apply this shall be as follows:
 - A. The patient must voluntarily express their wish to die. This must occur without any prompting on the part of the physicians or those visiting the patient.
 - B. The patient must make a request for medication for the purpose of ending their life.
 - C. It must be determined by two independent physiatrists that the patient is aware and independently able to make such a decision.
 - D. The patient must be able to administer the life-ending medication to themselves.
4. **SECTION 3.** If the conditions in Section 2 are met, the attending physician may prescribe medication in a quantity that will end the patient's life.
5. **SECTION 4.** This bill shall go into effect July 1, 2018
6. **SECTION 5.** This bill shall be overseen by the Department of Health and Human Services.
7. **SECTION 6.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by the NSDA

6) A Bill to Require the MMR Vaccination of Schoolchildren

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:

1. **SECTION 1.** All children attending public school are hereby required to be vaccinated
2. for MMR in order to attend public school.

3. **SECTION 2.** Children that are not vaccinated for MMR shall not be allowed to attend
4. public school.
 - A. Public school shall be defined as any school that is funded primarily by tax dollars as part of the budget.
 - B. Vaccinated shall be defined as having been inoculated against Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.
 - C. MMR shall be defined as Measles, Mumps, and Rubella.
5. **SECTION 3.** The Department of Education shall be charged with implementation of this
6. legislation. Each child that is being screened for kindergarten shall be asked to provide a full
7. history of vaccinations. If the child has not received the MMR vaccination, they shall not be
8. allowed to attend public school.
9. **SECTION 4.** This legislation shall go into effect when kindergarten screening begins for
10. school year 2018-2019.
11. **SECTION 5.** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced by Mount Desert Island High School, Maine District

7) The Puerto Rican Statehood Resolution of 2018

1. **WHEREAS**, it has been in the best interest of the Puerto Rican people to become a state, due
2. to the ongoing condition of their Commonwealth;
3. **WHEREAS**, in a referendum in 2012, 61.16% of Puerto Ricans voted for statehood, and;
4. **WHEREAS**, in a referendum in 2017, 97.18% of Puerto Ricans voted for statehood,
5. **WHEREAS**, citizens residing in the territory do not receive the same voting privileges for
6. that of the office of the President and Vice President, and are not represented in the Senate;
7. **BE IT RESOLVED**, That the State Elections Commission of Puerto Rico is authorized upon
8. the passing of this resolution to have a congressionally recognized ratification vote on the

9. admission of Puerto Rico into the Union as a State, in accordance with all standards for the
10. ballot set by said Commission; and
11. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the items included in the ballot would contain the
12. following points;
 - A.) Puerto Rico would be permanently united to the other several States of the Union,
 - B.) The Constitution, as it applies to the several other States, will do the same in Puerto Rico,
 - C.) The equality of Puerto Rico with the several other States will be enforced namely through
13. the sections outlined in Article I of the Constitution, regarding State representation in
14. Congress and the Senate, voting, and taxation.

Introduced for Congressional debate by Kennebunk High School, Maine District

8) A Resolution to Recognize the District of Columbia as New Columbia

1. **WHEREAS**, the population of Washington D.C. exceeds that of multiple U.S. States and
2. **WHEREAS**, the District of Columbia is the most densely populated area in the United States and
3. **WHEREAS**, thousands of Americans living in Washington D.C. are essentially taxed without
4. having any real representation or say in this Congress; therefore be it
5. **RESOLVED**, By the Student Congress here assembled that the United States moves
6. forward with legislation not only to recognize the District of Columbia as New Columbia, but
7. also for New Columbia to reclaim the neighboring cities of Alexandria and Arlington so that
8. the territory it covers would be geometric diamond as it originally was when the District was
9. founded in 1790 and be allowed the appropriate amount of senators and house
10. representatives.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by Sen. Bilal Hussein, ELHS, Maine District

9) A Bill to Annex the Nation of Canada

- 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:**
- 2. SECTION 1:** The U.S. Military is hereby ordered to mobilize ground troops along our northern
- 3. border.**
- 4. SECTION 2:** The State Department is hereby ordered to mediate with the Canadian Department of
- 5. Global Affairs to see the submission of the Canadian Government and peaceful resolve of the**
- 6. annexation process.**
- 7. SECTION 3:** The Canadian population shall undergo a modified version of naturalization for
- 8. American Citizenship.**
- 9. SECTION 4:** The Canadian Armed Forces shall be under the jurisdiction of the United States Armed
- 10. Forces.**
- 11. SECTION 5:** The province of Northwest Territory shall be considered federal land.
- 12. SECTION 6:** The Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, US Citizenship and
- 13. Immigration Services and State Department shall oversee this piece of legislation.**
- 14. SECTION 7:** This piece of of legislation shall be made effective on July 1, 2020.
- 15. SECTION 8:** All laws in conflict with this legislation are hereby declared null and void.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

10) A RESOLUTION TO RESTORE ETHICS TO CONGRESS

- 1. WHEREAS,** the Office of Congressional Ethics is under attack and;
- 2. WHEREAS,** rules under consideration would strip the office of its ability to investigate
- 3. members of Congress and,**
- 4. WHEREAS,** these rules would also limit types of behavior which would be considered
- 5. unethical and,**
- 6. WHEREAS,** this office was created in the wake of several ethical scandals in the House of
- 7. Representatives and,**

8. **WHEREAS**, the office is intended to be non-partisan and,
9. **WHEREAS**, limiting the ability of the ethics office to investigate wrongdoing of members
10. of Congress gives the appearance of a culture absent of ethics; now, therefore be it
11. **RESOLVED**, By the Congress here assembled that the Office of Congressional Ethics
12. maintain its position as an independent watchdog of ethical standards.

Introduced for Congressional Debate by ELHS, Maine District

11) A Resolution Regarding Oil Subsidies

1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS HERE ASSEMBLED THAT:
2. **WHEREAS**, the United States reliance on fossil fuels will become more problematic as
3. current reserves become depleted, and,
4. **WHEREAS**, the development of electric cars presents an opportunity to decrease
5. reliance on fossil fuels, and,
6. **WHEREAS**, the fossil fuel industries within the United States currently receive
7. substantial subsidies from the United States government, and,
8. **WHEREAS**, the United States must continue to promote environmentally sustainable
9. innovation, therefore, be it
10. **RESOLVED**, by the congress here assembled that 50% of the subsidies currently granted
11. to the fossil fuel industry to the electric car producing divisions of automobile
12. manufacturers by the year 2020.

Respectfully Submitted by Cole Cerabona, Kennebunk HS, Maine District